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Kirtland, Armed Forces units to show off at State Fair

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KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — Several Kirtland units will have displays all day Thursday along Main Street at the State Fair grounds. The 377th Security Forces Squadron, Base Fire Department, Phillips Laboratory, the 58th Special Operations Wing, the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, the New Mexico Air National Guard, the National Atomic Museum, the Space and Missile Test and Evaluation Directorate, the Airborne Laser Program Office and the New Mexico Civil Air Patrol are expected to participate.

The units will have personnel, models, displays, equipment and even a float to educate the public about their roles in the Department of Defense. Retired Lt. Col. Gordon A. Redtfeldt, who was a POW during World War II, will speak about his experiences as a POW at 3 p.m.

This year's Armed Forces Day at the State Fair is special owing to the fact that Thursday marks the Air Force's 50th Anniversary. The U.S. Army Air Corps became the U.S. Air Force Sept. 18, 1947.

The other services will also have displays for this Armed Forces day at the fair, capped off with music by the 44th National Guard Band.

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